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SUBJECT: CERP 4250 - PETROLEUM STATISTICS

1. DUE RECENT MODIFICATIONS GOB'S STATISTICS REPORTING SYSTEM, FOLLOWING DATA PROVIDED ON SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT BASIS THAN PRIOR REPORTS.

2. BOTSWANA IMPORTS PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA, HAS NO PETROLEUM EXPORT, AND HOLDS NO SIGNIFICANT RESERVES, SO IMPORTS APPROXIMATE CONSUMPTION.

3. TOTAL FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY IMPORTS IN CY 1976 INCLUDING COAL AND PEAT, TOTALLED 19,183,508 LITERS OF EQUIVALENT UNITS, WITH TOTAL OF 5,538,964 BEING IMPORTED IN FOURTH QUARTER. OF THIS AMOUNT, CY 1976 COAL IMPORTS WERE 28,539,619 KGS HAVING VALUE OF DOLLARS 268,903 (AT EXCHANGE RATE OF RAND 1.15; DOL1). EQUIVALENT FOURTH QUARTER FIGURES ARE 17,107,779 KGS AND DOLLARS 90,983. DOMESTIC COAL PRODUCTION IN CY 1977 ACCOUNTED FOR ADDITIONAL 224,175,000 KGS WITH VALUE OF DOLLARS 2,070,000. FACT THAT DOMESTIC PRODUCTION IN FOURTH QUARTER TOTALLED 84,278,000 KGS, OR NEARLY 38 PER CENT OF YEARLY FIGURE AND 29 PER CENT OF IMPORTS IS INDICATIVE OF GOB EFFORT OBTAIN ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE THIS COMMODITY.

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4. PETROLEUM DATA AS COLLECTED BY GOB CENTRAL STATISTICS OFFICE FOLLOWS, WITH VOLUMES IN LITERS AND EXCHANGE RATE OF RAND 1; DOL 1.15.

ITEM CY 76 DOL VALUE FOURTH QTR. DOL VALUE

A) MOTOR

GASOLINE 31,373,514 7,322,225 7,752,375 1,854,546

B) JET FUEL

KEROSINE 5,212,079 865,990 1,497,099 240,089

C) DISTILLATE

FUEL OIL 63,685,974 10,009,809 18,270,155 3,034,671

D) FUEL OIL

RESIDUE 1,244,793 163,094 296,137 55,804

E) LUBRICATING

OILS/GREASES 1,545,220 1,480,400 444,605 388,204

F) PETROLEUM

GASES AND OTHER

GASEOUS HYDRO-

CARBONS 1,199,595 463,698 385,416 648,013

TOTAL 104,261,175 28,646,597

5. COMMENT: GIVEN BOTSWANA'S APPROXIMATE 15 PER CENT YEAR RISE IN GDP DURING PAST FEW YEARS, AVERAGE FOURTH QUARTER CONTRIBUTION OF ONLY 27.5 PER CENT TO TOTAL CY 1977 PETROLEUM IMPORTS IS SIGNIFICANT. WHETHER THIS REPRESENTS GOB ATTEMPTS CONTROL PD PETROLEUM PRODUCT USAGE, NON-LINKAGE OF GDP GROWTH AND PETROLEUM USAGE, OR BOTH NOT CLEAR, BUT IT DESERVES CONTINUED MONITORING.

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